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FM AMEMBASSY MANAGUA

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INFO AMEMBASSY GUATEMALA

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C O N F I D E N T I A L MANAGUA 3323

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: REACTION TO PARTIAL LIFTING OF CUBAN SANCTIONS

1.FOREIGN MINISTER ALEJANDRO MONTIEL, QUERIED BY POLOFF ABOUT HIS REACTIONS TO ANNOUNCEMENT THAT U.S. WAS RELAXING RESTRICTIONS ON CUBAN TRADE AT AMBASSADOR'S PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS CEREMONY AUGUST 22, REPLIED THAT ALTHOUGH HE WAS NOT SURPRISED, HE COULD NOT ACCEPT THIS TREND WITH EQUANIMITY. HE HOPED THAT A RAPPROCHEMENT WOULD NOT BE PRECIPITATED AND THAT EVERYTHING WOULD WORK OUT FOR THE BEST. HE CLEARLY DOUBTED THAT IT WOULD, EXPRESSING FEAR THAT COSTA RICA WOULD NOW MOVE QUICKLY TO RESTORE RELATIONS WITH CUBA, AND THAT THE PRESENCE OF A CUBAN EMBASSY IN SAN JOSE WOULD EVENTUALLY BECOME A FOCAL POINT OF SUBVERSION AGAINST OTHER CENTRAL AMERICAN COUNTRIES, ESPECIALLY NICARAGUA. VICE FOREIGN MINISTER BODAN JOINED CONVERSATION, REMARKING THAT IF CUBAN EMBASSY ESTABLISHED IN SAN JOSE, CUBANS

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WOULD PROBABLY NOT BARE THEIR REVEOLUTIONARY CLAWS FOR A

TIME. BOTH AGREED THAT NICARAGUA DID NOT HAVE ANY PROBLEMS
WITH COMMUNIST EMBASSIES IN SAN JOSE THUS FAR.

2. OPPOSITION LA PRENSA DEVOTED EIGHT COLUMN BANNER HEAD-
LINE TO AP REPORT ON ANNOUNCEMENT, WHILE SOMOZA-OWNED
NOVEDADES HAS NOT REPORTED NEWS AT ALL. NO COMMENTARIES
AS YET.
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